

Tribal and International Affairs

Activity, Accomplishments and Issues, 27—31 March 2017

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Grants Management and TEAs

- Advanced **GAP grants** mgt:
 - Lac Courte Oreilles (allocation letter with 3/30/2017 start date)
 - Sokaogon (allocation letter with 3/30/2017 start date)
 - Minnesota Chippewa Tribes (allocation letter with 3/30/2017 start date)
- Advanced **Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs)**:
 - Forest County (award agreement)
 - White Earth (initial allocation for 106, 319, 128a, pesticides, GAP)
 - Saginaw Chippewa (initial allocation for 106, 319, 128a, GAP; workplans for 128a, GAP)
 - Grand Traverse (initial allocation for 106, 319, 128a, GAP)
 - Bois Forte (initial allocation for 106, Pb, GAP)
 - Grand Portage (FR, CN, pending award agreement)
 - Lac Courte Oreilles (discussion of combining 106 and 319 programs in April 2018 PPG)
- Continued to engage with both R5 and HQ offices regarding Brownfields grants and R5 internal confusion over PPG application requirements. Short-term R5 plans were developed to respond to potential funding decreases. Tribes affected soonest: White Earth, Saginaw Chippewa, Grand Traverse, and possibly Oneida. Working (flexible) deadline for submission pulled up from 6/1/2017 to 4/14/2017.

Tribal Relations

- Reservations or communities visited: Forest County Potawatami.
- Continued to facilitate LUST cleanup with Lac du Flambeau and LCD. Following teleconference on 23 March 2017, 18 more action items were added to the original 15; many of the new items were more detailed formulations of earlier agreements. Next step is to arrange a video presentation of available data, probably during the week of 3-7 April (LCD, Lac du Flambeau).
- Responded to tribal and EPA requests for information/support/involvement in the following:
 - Spill response training arranged (SFD, Forest County Potawatami)
 - Spill response planning for St. Croix National Scenic Riverway (USFS, Upper Mississippi River Basin Assn, Lac Courte Oreilles, Mille Lacs Band, St. Croix Chippewa).
 - Drinking water DITCA expiring soon (WD, Intertribal Council of Michigan).
 - Storm water inspection permit request review (WD, Oneida).
 - Summary of lead (Pb) issues in Indian Country (OCSPP).
 - CWA 106 supplemental eligibility application review (ORC, WD, Ho-Chunk).

Planning

- Worked with tribes, RIWG, Metcalfe managers and others to finalize TEPM and R5TOC planning. Coordinated with ORA and External Comms to deliver All-R5 emails, intranet info and voice messages to encourage EPA participation.
- Complied with FOIA request regarding GLRI project.
- Continued development of R5TOC Sharepoint site. Unveiling expected soon (Jodi Wilson).
- Prepared certification memo for RA transmittal to HQ, recognizing Levi Brown of Leech Lake as interim R5TOC representative on the E-ELC. Mr. Brown is expected to attend initial Council meeting in WDC, 4-5 April.
- TIAO records manager completed annual Records Mgt training.

International Relations

- Arranged off-site discussion of alternative energy with South African delegation on 5 April 2017.
- Visit from Swiss law intern has been cancelled (ORC).